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ON EVE OF ELECTIONS.

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(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, November 2.
On the eve of the presidential election, Mr. Calvin Coolidge is favourite at odds of 9-1 on. Nobody can be found positively to pronounce on the chances of Mr. John W. Davis (former Ambassador to Britain), the Democratic candidate, **LA FOLLETTE'S VILIFICATION.** The campaign of vilification by Senator La Follette, the Progressive candidate, is growing through the use of wireless and the cinemas to reach voters. The coming elections have aroused unprecedented public interest and a record vote is expected as the registration throughout the country is the biggest ever known.

CHARGES OF GRAFT.

The charges of graft and references to the oil scandals do not appear greatly to have moved the multitudes. Democratic politicians do not admit the possibility of defeat, but there is abundance of evidence that something like a landslide is expected.

REPUBLICAN CLAIMS.

Republican papers estimate that Mr. Calvin Coolidge will secure 300 electoral votes out of 531 in the Electoral College.

VIEWS OF DEMOCRATS.

The Democratic papers publish expert estimates, giving Mr. Coolidge as high as 278 votes. This would mean that if a single important Northern State went Democratic, it would bring Mr. Coolidge's vote below the required 266 and throw the choice of the President into the Lower House. But everyone seems confident that this will not happen, because it is believed that Senator La Follette's candidacy will take a greater toll of the Democrats than the Republicans.

P.W.D. CONTRACTS.

PROGRESS IS REPORTED UNSATISFACTORY.

The Hon. Mr. Harold T. Creasy, Director of Public Works, laid the two following quarterly reports, dated October 7, before the meeting of the Legislative Council by command of H.E. the Governor.

The first deals with Queen's Pier and reads: The progress with this contract is unsatisfactory. The contractors do not appear to be making any serious effort to carry out their obligations under the contract in a business-like manner, and their assurances, given from time to time, to expedite the work have never been fulfilled.

The date of completion of the contract was 30th June; however, in view of alleged difficulties the contractors have had to contend with in regard to the stone masons—but from the responsibility for which the contractors cannot be entirely absolved—an extension of time without penalty was granted until 4th October, on the contractors' assurance that the work would be completely finished by the latter date.

A slightly improvement—though still slow—was shown in carrying out the works, during the months of July and August, but even this rate of progress was not maintained during the month of September, and work was completely suspended from 19th to 22nd inclusive.

Work on the fixing of the tiles to the roof of the pier was also suspended from 1st to 7th August, while, at various times, difficulties have been experienced in obtaining and delivering grants from the quarry.

Enquiries have been made into the causes of these delays, and from information obtained, it would appear that in all cases the contractors have failed to fulfil their obligations in regard to financial matters.

There has been no delay in providing drawings from this office, as they had been completed before tenders were invited, while copies of each were handed to the contractors at the time the contract was signed on 23rd March 1923.

During the period of testing the foundations by Mr. Duncan's office, the contractors had eight months to prepare stone at the quarry, and have had nine months since commencing actual building operations on the site—a period of seventeen months which is more than reasonable for carrying out a contract of this type.

The work at present is not quite completed up to the level of the crown of the arches, and the value of the work done to date is approximately equal to half the value of the total contract.

The question of cancelling this contract has been carefully considered and though another contractor would probably carry out the work with more expedition, there would be a suspension of the work during the period required to adjust the prices and fix up a new contract, and as these negotiations might be of a protracted nature the final date of completion would probably be later than by continuing under the present conditions, assuming that the present rate of progress, although slow, be maintained.

Bonham Road School.

The second report deals with the erection on existing foundations of Bonham Road School and states: The contract for the above building was signed on the 11th of April last and until recently the work has been seriously delayed by the difficulty of obtaining facing bricks in sufficient quantities. Within the limits which this difficulty enforced the contractor has made every effort by the erection of workshops, preparation of frames and joinery, etc. to carry on with the work.

Orders were placed for facing bricks with manufacturers in Canton and Argo and although regular delivery in sufficient quantities was promised to the contractor, small consignments only of from 5,000 to 10,000 were delivered at long intervals, and during the first five months of the contract time a total of about 40,000 only were delivered out of 80,000 required. It was clearly impossible to rely on these sources of supply any longer.

Early in September enquiries were made and samples obtained by the Architectural Office from local sources for the supply of

UNREST IN BENGAL.

PROTEST AGAINST ARRESTS.

MODERATES JOIN SWARAJISTS.
MONSTER DEMONSTRATION HELD.
(Reuter's Service.)

CALCUTTA, November 2.
A number of public meetings have been held in Bengal at the week-end as a protest against the arrests of the alleged terrorist leaders under the new ordinance. The Moderates joined the Swarajists and organised a monster demonstration in Calcutta on Friday evening.

DAY OF MOURNING.

Hartal (day of mourning) was observed throughout the Province on Saturday, but appears to have been more successful in the country districts than in Calcutta, where conditions are normal except in the Indian quarters.

The Swaraj Party Executive meets on Tuesday to consider the situation, which the local Indian Press describes as grave, owing to the advent of the "reactionary" Government in England.

MOSCOW AND DOPE.

SOVIET DECLINES LEAGUE'S INVITATION.

MOSCOW, November 2.
The Commissariat of Foreign Affairs has declined the League of Nations invitation to the Soviet to participate in a conference at Geneva to be held this month for the limitation of the drug traffic, on the ground that the Powers are thinking of promoting their own economic interests rather than organising a practical campaign against the abuse of narcotics.

DUTCH FLIGHT.

AVIATORS RESUME JOURNEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 2.
The Dutch airmen (en route to the Dutch East Indies) have arrived here from Philippopolis. Their flight was uneventful. They expect to leave to-morrow for Angora, from there they will fly to Aleppo and Bagdad.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

VOTES UNDER VARIOUS CHARGES.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon, H.E. the Governor recommended the members to vote the following sums of money to be classified under different charges as follows:

A sum of \$1,500 for repairs to boats and buoys in charge of the Harbour Master's Department.

A sum of \$20,000 for a new architectural office for the Public Works Department.

A sum of \$1,500 for the H.K.V.D.C. for camp expenses and equipment.

For the beacon light in Cheung Chau Channel a sum of \$500 was recommended towards the vote under P.W.D. extraordinary, New Territories.

In aid of the "Vote Governor," His Excellency recommended \$500 under the heading of incidental expenses.

OBITUARY.

MR. A. B. JOANILHO.

The death occurred yesterday at his residence, 8 Glenalee, of Mr. A. B. Joanilho who had been in business in Hongkong for many years. Mr. Joanilho had been greatly affected by the death of his younger brother a few months ago. He was of a retiring disposition but a number of intimate friends as well as his aged mother, will mourn his loss. The funeral will pass the Monument-day at 5 p.m.

Formosa bricks and the contractor entered into a contract with the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha for the supply of 800,000 facing bricks. The first half of this quantity was delivered on the 22nd September, the bricks were of good quality and colour and well packed in straw, the balance will be delivered when required at one month's notice. The contractor immediately placed a large staff of bricklayers on the work and already considerable progress has been made.

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NOTICE.
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MESSRS. LAMMERT BROTHERS have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **FRIDAY**, the 7th day of November, 1924, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at their sales rooms in Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The Valuable Leasehold Property situated at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and being the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 778. All that piece or parcel of ground situated at Victoria, Hongkong, known and registered in the Land Office as The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 778 together with messuage erections and buildings thereon erected and known as No. 19, Hing Wan Street. The Property is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 999 years from the 3rd day of June, 1884, created by an Indenture of Crown Lease dated the 13th day of July, 1885, and made between her late Majesty Queen Victoria of the one part and Chan King of the other part. For further particulars apply to: Messrs. D'ALMAIDA AND MASON, Mortgagees' Solicitors or to Messrs. LAMMERT BROTHERS, The Auctioneers.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
 THE THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong on **FRIDAY**, 14th day of November, 1924, at noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 8th to the 14th November, 1924, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, **M. MANUK,** Secretary. Hongkong, 31st Oct., 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
 THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on **SATURDAY**, November 8th, 1924, commencing at 2.45 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2.15 p.m. The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price. Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to **FRIDAY** November 7th. The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. Hongkong, 31st October, 1924.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary general Meeting of The Douglas Steamship Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 20, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on **SATURDAY**, the 18th day of October, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. A print of such draft new Articles and a print of the existing Articles of the Company may be seen at the Company's said Registered Office, and at the office of Messrs. Deacons, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid, Solicitors for the Company, and the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by being underlined in red. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles of Association with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

"That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and, for the purpose of identification, subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 20, Des Voeux Road Central, aforesaid on **WEDNESDAY**, the 6th day of November, 1924, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution. Dated the 14th day of July, 1924.

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MONDAY Nov. 10th	Madame Butterfly
TUESDAY Nov. 11th	Barbieri de Seville

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.
 ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

High tides have caused big falls of cliff at Covehithe, Suffolk.
 Chorley, Lancashire, Council, has decided not to appoint married women teachers.

During torrential rain the roof of a Southampton house collapsed under the weight of water.

Another 350 ex-Services men from the various London hospitals were entertained at Buckingham Palace.

To cope with the quantity of goods received the freight-carrying aeroplane service between London and Paris had to be run one day in triplicate.

Mr. Raymond Ellis, one of the baritone of the National Opera Company, is engaged to marry Miss Essie Pink, daughter of the Rev. J. Pink, of Birmingham.

Twenty-one motor-cars and a motor-coach were destroyed by fire which broke out at Brad's Garage, adjoining the Corporation Gas Works at Bangor, North Wales.

Chelmsford Town Council is building 50 houses at an average cost of £447, which can be let at an economic rent of from 12s. 4d. to 14s. 9d. per week, inclusive of rates.

Forty domestic servants, 260 assisted emigrants, and 24 public schoolboys left Southampton on September 26 to settle in New Zealand under the Government scheme.

In memory of her husband, a former M.P. for the town, and her only son killed in the war, Lady Hulse has built and endowed a maternity and child welfare centre at Salisbury.

For rescuing a boy from a ballast pit, William R. Ferrier, 15, a scholar of Ilford College, Essex, has just received the parchment certificate of the Royal Humane Society.

In memory of her son killed in the war, Princess Beatrice has presented to the memorial chapel at the Royal Military College Sandhurst, a pair of altar vases which belonged to Queen Victoria.

As the oldest mayor in the country, Ald. H. E. Davies, Mayor of Gravesend, who is 84, left London for a fortnight's tour of France as the guest of the mayors of France.

On a charge of landing in England without a permit, David Bartonsky, 44, a Russian, said to be an active member of the revolutionary party in England, was remanded at Manchester.

At Frome Agricultural Show, which is noted for cheese exhibits, Miss Porch, of Bruton, a noted West-country winner, obtained five first prizes, a championship, and two second awards for her cheese.

Alice Crowley, 35, of Taylor-street, Stalybridge, Lancashire, was charged with murdering her mother, Hannah Harrop, 66, and her daughter, aged 15, by tying tape round their necks and cutting their throats.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, Secretary for War, whose son was killed near the spot, attended the opening of the memorial hall at Glenview which has been given to the devastated French town by the citizens of Liverpool.

The roof of the beautiful Elizabethan hall of the Middle Temple, E.C., finished in 1570, has taken a new lease of life. This "death watch" beetle, which attacked Westminster Hall, had made its appearance but has now been exterminated.

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TAIKOO "AT HOME"
SENIOR LEAGUE WINNERS MEET "THE REST."
GOOD RINK GAME.

The Tarkoo Recreation Club, winners of Division I of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, were "At Home" to the "Rest" of the League and friends on Saturday afternoon in celebration of the close of the season. As a prelude to the distribution of prizes, a rink game was played commencing at 3 o'clock in which the visitors participated. The interesting programme drawn up by the Club, coupled with ideal weather, contributed to a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon. The results of the rink game are as follows:—

T.R.C.	C.S.C.C.
Drummond	Mill
T. Young	Knight
Matthew	Knott
Barker (S.) 17	Oswald (S.) 13
T.R.C.	K.C.C.
MacLachlan	Lindell
Sloan	Brown
Mitchell	Tacchi
Dinnen (S.) 10	P. W. Ramsay (S.) 11
DOCKYARD	REFINERY
Greig	Hill
Young	Brown
Paton	Resker
Reid (S.) 11	Ferguson (S.) 13
T.R.C.	C.C.C.
Muirhead	Bass
McKechnie	Macfarlane
McLeod	Fisher
Morrison (S.) 8	Bradbury (S.) 23
T.R.C.	K.E.G.C.
O'Brien	McLaggan
Whyte	Whitley
Grimes	McFarlane
Wallace (S.) 15	Russell (S.) 27
T.R.C.	POLICE
C. Young	Taylor
Chapman	Glendinning
Grimeshaw	West
Wotherspoon	Grant
(S.) 16	(S.) 17

SATURDAY'S POLO.
VISITORS WIN FROM CHINA COAST.

At Causeway Bay Polo Ground, yesterday afternoon, there was a large gathering present to watch the match between the "China Coast" and "Visitors."

The latter had a handicap of 4 goals, which enabled them to win by 7 to 4. There were 12 players on the ground, so that "turn and turn about" was the order of the day. The sides were as follows:—

Visitors: St. Lawrence, Bennett, Osprey, Greawell, Fleming, Neville, Thompson (Red).
 China Coast: Meredith, Stanton, Davies, Beth Judd (White).
 In the first chukka the score was 1 (Beth) to love in favour of Whites.

In the second, Thompson for the Reds scored the only point. In the third, Judd put Whites one up, making the score 2-1. In the fourth, Meredith and Judd each added a point, bringing the score to 4-1 in favour of Whites.

In the final chukka, Neville obtained 2 goals, making the actual score 4-3 in favour of the Whites (China Coast). The Visitors' handicap of 4 goals, however, just made the difference and they won by 7-4 after an excellent exhibition all round.

Among those present were: Lady Severn, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Beth, Mrs. Osprey, Mrs. Daggett and Lieut.-Commander Woolrych.

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SENIOR LEAGUE WINNERS MEET "THE REST."
GOOD RINK GAME.

The Tarkoo Recreation Club, winners of Division I of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, were "At Home" to the "Rest" of the League and friends on Saturday afternoon in celebration of the close of the season. As a prelude to the distribution of prizes, a rink game was played commencing at 3 o'clock in which the visitors participated. The interesting programme drawn up by the Club, coupled with ideal weather, contributed to a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon. The results of the rink game are as follows:—

T.R.C.	C.S.C.C.
Drummond	Mill
T. Young	Knight
Matthew	Knott
Barker (S.) 17	Oswald (S.) 13
T.R.C.	K.C.C.
MacLachlan	Lindell
Sloan	Brown
Mitchell	Tacchi
Dinnen (S.) 10	P. W. Ramsay (S.) 11
DOCKYARD	REFINERY
Greig	Hill
Young	Brown
Paton	Resker
Reid (S.) 11	Ferguson (S.) 13
T.R.C.	C.C.C.
Muirhead	Bass
McKechnie	Macfarlane
McLeod	Fisher
Morrison (S.) 8	Bradbury (S.) 23
T.R.C.	K.E.G.C.
O'Brien	McLaggan
Whyte	Whitley
Grimes	McFarlane
Wallace (S.) 15	Russell (S.) 27
T.R.C.	POLICE
C. Young	Taylor
Chapman	Glendinning
Grimeshaw	West
Wotherspoon	Grant
(S.) 16	(S.) 17

SATURDAY'S POLO.
VISITORS WIN FROM CHINA COAST.

At Causeway Bay Polo Ground, yesterday afternoon, there was a large gathering present to watch the match between the "China Coast" and "Visitors."

The latter had a handicap of 4 goals, which enabled them to win by 7 to 4. There were 12 players on the ground, so that "turn and turn about" was the order of the day. The sides were as follows:—

Visitors: St. Lawrence, Bennett, Osprey, Greawell, Fleming, Neville, Thompson (Red).
 China Coast: Meredith, Stanton, Davies, Beth Judd (White).
 In the first chukka the score was 1 (Beth) to love in favour of Whites.

In the second, Thompson for the Reds scored the only point. In the third, Judd put Whites one up, making the score 2-1. In the fourth, Meredith and Judd each added a point, bringing the score to 4-1 in favour of Whites.

In the final chukka, Neville obtained 2 goals, making the actual score 4-3 in favour of the Whites (China Coast). The Visitors' handicap of 4 goals, however, just made the difference and they won by 7-4 after an excellent exhibition all round.

Among those present were: Lady Severn, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Beth, Mrs. Osprey, Mrs. Daggett and Lieut.-Commander Woolrych.

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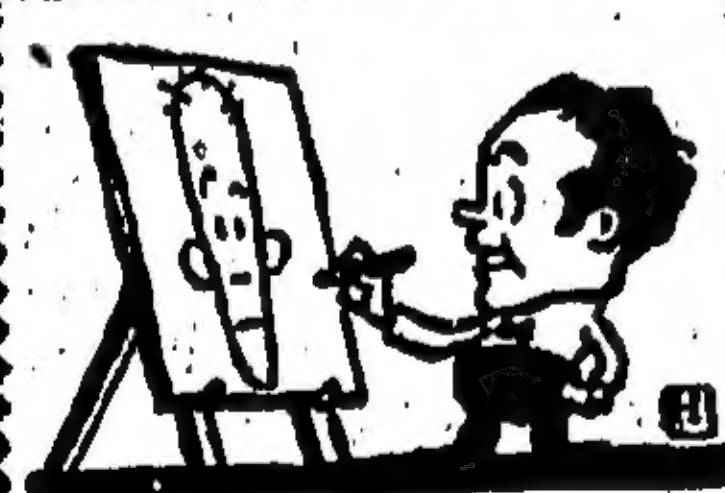
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MARRIAGE.

TOBIAS - SHVED.—At the
Synagogue "Ohel Leah" on
Sunday, the 2nd November,
Lewis Albert Tobias to Agnes
Shved. (Shanghai papers
please copy).

DEATH.

JOANILHO.—On Sunday, 2nd
November, 1924, at No. 8,
Glennally, Hongkong, Antonio
Belarmino Joanilho, aged 45
years. Funeral will pass the
Monument to-day at 5 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOV. 3, 1924.

THE GENERAL ELECTION
AND HONGKONG.How will the general election
affect Hongkong? Mostly its
influence upon the fortunes of
this Colony will be indirect,
though it will undoubtedly play a
direct part in shaping several
important events in the Colony'sfuture. However, when these
events take place the influence of
the general election will scarcely
be discerned because they will
take place almost as a matter of
course. The reason for this is
quite simple. The Labour Govern-
ment, had neither the mandate
nor the time during its brief
period in power to effect any
drastic social changes. Conse-
quently the new Conservative
Government will begin largely
where the old one left off in
domestic affairs. There will be
even less change in foreign
affairs, beyond, of course, the
country's inevitable volte face in
connection with the unhappy
Russian treaty. Mr. Ramsay
MacDonald as Foreign Minister
was kept too busy settling the
reparations problem to do little
more than preserve existing con-
ditions in other directions, and in
the only two instances where he
did take important decisions, his
action in the one was confirmed
strictly with the Conservative
Government's policy, and in the
other actually invited a competi-

son with Palmerston's Imperial
methods. Although the Labour
Government when it first assumed
office professed its faith in the
Empire's unity, its hostile atti-
tude towards Imperial Preference
was bound to have had a marked
influence upon the future. How-
ever, in this, as in most other
matters, the Labour Government
was not long enough in office for
the return to Conservative policy
to reveal any sharp contrast, with
the result that, apart from the
repudiating of the Russian treaty,
the introducing of Imperial Pre-
ference, the protecting of certain
Home industries and the resum-
ing of work upon the Singapore
base, few of the Labour Govern-
ment's decisions will be reversed.
The general election is therefore
important chiefly for its influence,
not upon the present, but upon the
future, and the changes resulting
from it will provide very little
contrast, least of all in Hongkong,
which, apart from its interest, as
a unit of the Empire, in such
questions as the Russian treaty,
Imperial Preference and the
Singapore naval base, might never
have known that there was a
Labour Government in power at
Home. Mr. Thomas having wisely
followed the policy laid down by
his predecessor at the Colonial
Office of leaving things to the men
on the spot. However, although
Hongkong will not see any marked
changes at the moment as a result
of the general election, there can
be no doubt that had the Labour
Government remained in power
long enough, the path we would
then have taken must have
diverged from the path we shall
continue to follow, looking to the
Conservative Government's big
majority, almost certainly for the
next five years at the very least.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Flower Service was held at
10 a.m. yesterday at St. John's
Cathedral when the children took
flowers which were afterwards
sent to the Hospital. The
collection was for the maintenance
of the cripple boy in England
whom the Church supports by the
collections at these services.

The new frontal which was
presented by the Hon. Sir Paul
Chater and made by the St. Mary's
Industrial School at Poona, and
many other gifts which were pre-
sented during the past two years
were dedicated by the Rev. G. R.
Lindsay at the early celebration
of Holy Communion at St.
Andrew's Church yesterday. The
frontal is a beautiful piece of work.

As a result of a long series of
losses in the shipping trade
between Australia and China, the
China-Australia Steamship Com-
pany, Sydney, is passing into
liquidation. The company, which
has been in business for two
years, took over the business of
the China-Australia Mail Line,
which was inaugurated in 1918. It
is stated the losses incurred from
the inception of the line in that
year have been £18,000. The
steamer "Victoria," the only vessel
left in the company's fleet, is in the
hands of a receiver.

Under the new constitution of
the Legislative Council of Ceylon,
H.E. the Governor will not
ordinarily preside over debates.
His place will be taken by an
elected vice-president. But that
does not mean that the head of the
administration of the Colony will
not hear what the councillors have
to say. It is, of course, very
necessary that he should hear all
that goes on, as the preparation of
Hansard necessarily takes some
time while the newspaper reports
full though they are, are naturally
not verbatim. The difficulty has
been overcome by the installation
of dictaphones. These instruments
are at present being placed in
front of each councillor's desk, and
are connected by wire to Queen's
House. So that the Governor, in
the comfort and quiet of his own
rooms, will be able to follow the
debates word by word.

Owing to a reporter's
mistake, the interview in
Saturday's "China Mail"
regarding the Colony's
opium supply was attrib-
uted to Mr. H. Alan
Taylor, Assistant Super-
intendent of the Imports and
Exports Department, and
not to Mr. J. D. Lloyd,
Superintendent of the Imports and
Exports Department. We regret
the mistake, and hasten to
correct it at once.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIS AFTERNOON'S
MEETING.

SIR H. E. POLLOCK WELCOMED.

An unusual feature of this after-
noon's meeting of the Legislative
Council was that it was honoured
by the presence of three lady
visitors in the seats at the back of
the room (Lady Severn, Mrs.
Creasy and one other).

His Excellency said that before
proceeding to business he wished
to take the opportunity of welcom-
ing Sir Henry back to the fold
and pressing to him letters
patent which he (the Gov-
ernor) had received during
Sir Henry's absence. It had
been a great pleasure for His
Excellency to obtain for him
that well-merited recognition of his
public services. It would be idle
to pretend that Sir Henry and he
had been invariably in agreement
and that afternoon's meeting might
reveal yet further disagreement—
laughter—but he yielded to nobody
in admiration for the public spirit
which had animated Sir Henry
ever since, he (His Excellency)
had known him and for many
years before.

It was a great pleasure on behalf
of the Council and himself to con-
gratulate Sir Henry on the well-
earned distinction which had fallen
to his lot.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak
said that on behalf of the Un-
official members he wished to say
how keen their appreciation was
when Sir Henry was chosen by
the King in recognition of the
long and excellent services he had
rendered to the Colony.

There were present:—
H.E. the Governor, Sir Reginald
Stubbs, K.C.M.G.
H.E. Major-General Sir John
Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., the
Officer Commanding the Troops.
Hon. Sir Claud Severn, K.B.E.,
C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.
Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C.,
C.B.E., Attorney-General.
Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer,
Colonial Treasurer.
Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Secretary
for Chinese Affairs.
Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Director
of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain
Superintendent of Police.
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.
Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun.
Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.
Hon. Mr. O. Montague Ede.
Mr. S. B. McElderry, Clerk
of Councils.

ARMS.

YOUTH HAS LUCKY
ESCAPE.

CACHES ON "PRESIDENTS."

An adult Chinese and a small
boy were charged at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning with
possession of a revolver and some
ammunition.

The weapon, a very old type,
was actually found in the posses-
sion of the boy at Shamsui, who
said that the man asked him to
carry it for him, the latter being
arrested in a match at Kowloon
Tong.

The man, who admitted having
given the boy the arms to take to
the country, was fined \$1,000 or 12
months imprisonment.

In view of the boy's age, he was
ordered 12 strokes of the birch and
warned that the offence was a
serious one.

Discovery On "Presidents."

At the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning the police produced two
hulls of arms discovered on board
"President" boats.

The first discovery, made by
Sergeant Simpson on the "President
Madison," consisted of two re-
volvers and 359 rounds of ammuni-
tion, the arms being found
concealed in a basket with a false
bottom.

Sergeant Kirby's haul from a trunk
on board the "President Grant"
was one sporting gun, 109 rounds
of ammunition for same, and 100
rounds of revolver ammunition.

In neither case were owners of
the packages traced, and the
Magistrate ordered the arms to be
confiscated.

LADY ATTACKED

MRS. HARRIS WALKER.
LATEST VICTIM.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

A report has been made to the
police by Mrs. Harris Walker,
living at No. 6, "Beehive," that she
was attacked by two Chinese on
Saturday morning, and that the
value of \$100 being removed from
her person. She was sent to the
hospital where she was suddenly
pounced upon by the robbers.
On attempting to shout for help,
she was gagged and the amount of
the robbery was \$100.

BUDGET DEBATE.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS' SPEECHES.

URGENT LOCAL PROBLEMS.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Colony's Lack Of Air Defence.

ANOTHER TRAM NEEDED TO THE PEAK.

Many urgent local problems were discussed by the Unofficial
Members of the Legislative Council during the budget debate this
afternoon, perhaps the most arresting suggestion being advanced
by the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird who advocated that the greater part
of the public works of the island and Kowloon (excluding the New
Territory) should be handed over to municipal councils, as the
present system is "too ponderous and moves too slowly."

Other matters referred to by the Unofficial Members were the
military lands, the military contribution, the need of a larger
garrison, the lack of air defence, public telephones, water supply,
another tram to the Peak, widows and orphans' pension contribu-
tions, poor city lighting and port development work.

Besides congratulating the Governor upon his wise financial
policy, the Unofficial Members mentioned that, together with the
Unofficial Members of the Executive Council they had sent a
unanimous representation to the Colonial Office hoping His Excel-
lency's term here would be extended.

HON. MR. HOLYOAK'S
SPEECH.FINANCIAL POLICY
APPROVED.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said:—
Sir,—Before proceeding to the
discussion of points arising in
connection with the second read-
ing of the Finance Bill now before
us, I desire to convey our con-
gratulations on the very able
statement presented by your
Excellency at its introduction and
the highly satisfactory state of
the Colony's finances which it
records, more especially so in
these troubled times in every part
of China, contrasting vividly with
the peaceful conditions which this
Colony has enjoyed under your
administration during the past
twelve months.

We welcome the statement that
our recommendations of many
years' standing and emphasized
again on this occasion last year
in connection with the "Shing
Mun Water Plans" that "Public
Works Extraordinary" such as
this, and the "Port Development
Proposals" shall be financed by
short and long term loans when
the Colony's credit balances have
been reduced to somewhere in the
region of five million dollars and
with this in view, paradoxical
though it sounds, we are sure the
Colony applauds your courage in
budgeting for a deficit of "some-
thing over 8½ million dollars."

Military Lands.

We shall be glad to hear pre-
cisely what stage has been
reached in connection with the
surrender of Military lands and
whilst on the subject, recommend
that the increase in our Military
contribution due to our increas-
ing revenue instead of being paid
over to the War Office should be
credited here to the "recondition-
ing" of the Military forces on the
Kowloon side; seeing that, under
the "Washington Convention" our
fortifications and general defence
cannot, we understand, be in-
creased here though we desire to
draw attention to the fact that
we are still entirely without Air-
defence though others in these
latitudes are steadily developing
the use of aeroplanes.

It is our conviction that con-
sidering the condition of China at
present, Hongkong is seriously
under-garrisoned and that a far
larger force should be kept here
for emergency purposes here and
elsewhere. Suitably and tactfully
approached, we imagine that the
British sections of Municipal
Councils in Concessions through-
out China would be willing to con-
sider a rate-levy, in contribution
to this Government for the right
to call for protection in emer-
gency.

Rescue Tug.

Turning now to the "Draft
Estimates"—there are several
points upon which we desire to
touch or seek further information
and I propose to deal with them as
they arise in the headings therein
arranged.

We consider that all European
licences should expire at the end
of the year and become renew-
able on the 1st of January, and
that all licences should be payable
to the "Treasury Office," and not
through the Police Department.

Harbour Department.—We are
glad to know that the "Rescue
Tug" is in course of construction
and trust the remainder of the
typhoon huoya for large vessels
will be completed in ample time
for their possible need next year.

Miscellaneous Services (P. 50).
In connection with the rent on
public telephones we shall be glad
to know what is the present po-
sition with regard to this essential
Public Service, and when some
improvement in present condi-
tions can be looked for.

Magistrates (P. 38).—The
growth of the work on both sides
of the harbour seems to call for
a second permanent "stipendiary"
and we shall be glad to know if
the Government are considering
this or if not will do so.

Police Force.

Police Force (P. 39).—The
considerable increase in the Police
Force, referred to in your Excel-
lency's speech, is both welcome
and necessary and we desire to
congratulate the Government on
the marked improvement in the
control and prevention of crime,
under admittedly very difficult
conditions during the past year,
traffic control and especially in the
Fire Brigade which affords re-
markable evidence of greatly im-
proved equipment, general
efficiency and administration in
this most important department.
I am the more glad to be able to
say this because I have myself
criticised it adversely on several
occasions before.

Medical Services.

Medical Department (P. 48).—
The new Principal Civil Medical
Officer has so recently arrived and
had comparatively so short a time
to study the problem that we pre-
fer to avoid criticism at this stage
of the Hospital Service and Ad-
ministration in the Colony at the
state of which, at this time last
year and for long before, we were
seriously concerned. The evi-
dence that he has realised all was
not as it should be, either in
equipment, personnel, stores or
buildings gives us sufficient con-
fidence, for the moment, to await
developments, but meanwhile we
shall carefully watch this depart-
ment and he may count on our
full support for any needed funds
to improve conditions generally.

The time is not far distant
when the Government will have
to consider closing the major part
of Kennedy Town Hospital and
moving the whole, or greater part
of it, to a more favourable site—
possibly in the neighbourhood of
Happy Valley extensions when
Morrison Hill has been finally cast
into the sea. Under no circum-
stances can the conditions sur-
rounding the present "G. C. H." be
considered favourable to re-
covery from serious illness and in
this connection we would pay a
well deserved tribute to the
Matron and Nursing Staff there
whose labours under most trying
conditions especially during the
heat of summer cannot be too
highly commended and we con-
sider the scale of pensions upon
which they retire needs substan-
tial increase and trust the Govern-
ment will assure us that this shall
be gone into and revised favour-
ably at once.

Lunatic Asylum.

We learnt with some concern
that the site for the new Lunatic
Asylum on the other side of the
water had been abandoned and a
further site is being looked for.
We cannot too strongly insist that
this should be settled without
further delay—the condition of
the present Lunatic Asylum has
been a disgrace to the Colony for
years past and we desire that the
new Asylum should be pressed
forward with all possible speed
and that if the Public Works
Department is too busy to handle
it when the site is settled—the
work shall be given to outside
Architects as has been done on
many occasions during the past
year.

Botanical and Forestry Depart-
ment.—We would like to see more
done in the way of planting
flowering shrubs and plants on
reserved open spaces, in the
Colony and certainly more might
be done in this respect, on the
tram line to the Peak where plant-
ing seems to have been almost
entirely confined to the scarlet
"hibiscus." We also advocate

much more liberal planting of
Flora in the "new territory" with
a view to protecting and increas-
ing fire-wood supplies.
Education Depart. (P. 63).—
We notice that the maximum
salary of the Inspector of Vernac-
ular Schools in this year re-
corded at \$760 per annum,
although last year we voted \$850
for the same position—no doubt
a misprint?

Public Works.

Public Works Department
(P. 60).—We are glad to see the
increase in the "Agricultural
Department" of five additional
Engineers and four in the "Build-
ings Office" and hope this will
lead to the speeding up of the
completion of many essential
Public Works in hand such as
"Sai Ying Pun" School, the "Kow-
loon Hospital," "Queen's Statue
Wharf," the "Infectious Diseases
Hospital," the "New Gaol," the
new "Lunatic Asylum" and other
badly needed public works.

To this end we welcome signs
of decentralisation in the control
of this great department, but
decentralisation without co-ordina-
tion must be productive of chaos
and we again urge that greater
authority should be given to
departmental heads and the
department responsible for issu-
ing "Building permits" and pass-
ing plans, should have a consid-
erably augmented staff that the
present lengthy delays in issuing
"permits" may be avoided.

Purer Water.

We are glad to hear that the
mechanical filtration of water is
to be tried at "Bowen Road" and
urge that as soon as the tenders
invited have been considered,
telegraphic acceptance be sent
with a request for prompt ship-
ment—that valuable time may be
saved in the initial Government
experiment and the principle
adopted universally if proved
satisfactory. The process of
mechanical filtration has been in
work in the Colony—in private
enterprise, for over a year now—
has not only passed the
experimental stage, but has
proved its complete efficiency for
providing absolutely pure water,
in large quantities, in a few hours.
The process was recently in-
spected by the entire body of
Unofficial members of this
Council and we strongly recom-
mend the adoption of either this
or a similar system immediately
for one set of filter beds. The
state of the water, especially as
supplied to the Western parts of
the City and some parts of the
Peak continues to be most un-
satisfactory and this point will
be enlarged upon by our Chinese
colleagues, who also feel strongly
on the subject.

Another Peak Tram?

Once again, we would draw the
attention of the Government to
the urgent need for increasing
rapid transit communication with
the Peak. The present tram ac-
commodation is quite inadequate
and we should like to see the
proposal for an additional tram-
line revived and again very care-
fully considered.

We are in agreement with the
vote for the Canton-Kowloon
Railway. It may seem to be sink-
ing more money in a "bottomless
pit" but taking the "long view"
the day must eventually come
when this Railway will form the
Southern link of the Trans-
Siberian Railway and much
cargo be sent down by train
for ocean loading here which
to-day is shipped from Yangtze
Ports and meanwhile, the wisdom
of protecting "through" traffic
between here and Canton when
this becomes possible again, by
replacing damaged and stocking
a wise amount of new rolling
stock is apparent to us all.

His Excellency's Future.

In conclusion, we trust that
when Your Excellency introduces
the Budget twelve months hence as
it is our sincere hope you will do,
in accordance with the unanimous
wish expressed in representations
of the Unofficial Members of both
Councils to the Colonial Office,
that not only will you be able
to record as satisfactory a state
of things in the Colony's finance
as that existing to-day, but that
the fratricidal and suicidal strug-
gle now being waged throughout
China will be over and peace,
unity and concord once more
reign in that great Country with
whose destinies—for weal and
woe—this small Island is so in-
separably bound up and to which
very many of us are deeply
attached.

HON. MR. H. W. BIRD.

Widows & Orphans' Pensions
Contributions.

The Hon. Mr. Bird said:—Sir,
I wish to fully endorse the remarks
which have fallen from the Hon-
ourable Member representing the
Chamber of Commerce, and to join
in congratulating the Government
on the Budget which is now before
the Council.

(Continued on page 5.)

BUDGET DEBATE.

(Continued from page 4.)

I have a few further comments to make on various matters about which I feel very keenly and my views thereon may or may not have the approval of my colleagues.

Under the heading of Licences I should like to see more care taken in the granting of licences to public vehicles—the protection against rain in these vehicles is utterly inadequate—the covers and aprons are simply made of painted canvas which after a few days of heavy rain become absolutely sodden—it should not be a very difficult problem to solve, and it is for the Police Department to refuse to license vehicles that are not properly equipped.

Under Widows and Orphans Pensions Contributions I should like to hear from the Government that the contributions made by the various members of the Government service are being invested to the best possible advantage—it would seem that the Contributors have a very real grievance if the money deducted from their salaries is not accumulating in as beneficial a manner as possible, the pensions that have been granted to widows appear to me to be insufficient.

Medical Department.
I see provision is made for a new motor launch for the Health Officers of the Port—I do not know whether this is in the nature of an ambulance launch—I hope it is, so such is urgently required for the transit of serious cases of sickness from the ships to the shore.

Lighting.
Under the heading of "extensions of lighting" I wish to draw attention to the very unsatisfactory way in which the City is lighted generally, by unsatisfactory means without any real scheme having been thought out—take the show spot in the City—Statue Square—and examine the lighting system there—some of it is gas in wretched little standards and some of it is lumpy electricity—there is, I can see, a good reason for having some gas in case of the failure of the Electric supply but why should not the standards be symmetrical, and dignified?

Naming Of Streets.
I suggest further that when laying out a lighting scheme for the City the question of the naming of the streets be considered in conjunction with the extensions of lighting mentioned in the estimates—as far back as 1918 I drew attention in this Council to the lack of system in the naming of the streets particularly out of the beaten track and little or nothing has been done to improve matters—you would be surprised, Sir, how hard it is even to one who knows the City well to locate some of the streets—I am aware of one of the difficulties lies in the fact that as so many of the older buildings are being pulled down it is impossible to maintain the names, therefore I suggest that if the lighting is systematically carried out the names of the streets be suspended from the lamp posts and in this way they would be more easily seen—as names affixed to the walls of buildings are apt to be obscured by posters, signs, etc.

Communications.
Under Communications is the Government sure that it is wise to construct so narrow a road to Capo D'Aguilar? From my own observation it seems that the Government is inclined to err on the side of making new roads too narrow in the first instance, for example it is only a few years ago that the new road beyond Aberdeen was made and now it has to be widened—it must be remembered that it costs far more to widen a road than to make it the full width to start with.

Queen's Pier.
I should like to know what has happened to cause the work on the shore end of Queen's Pier to cease entirely—the time taken over this structure is astounding.

Port Development.
Under Port Works Extraordinary I notice \$1,412,000 is allocated for works in this connection—I had hoped to see the plans for this all-important work laid on the table before this Debate so that we should have an idea of the Government's proposals—I gather that the report made by the experts from home has been scrapped and it would seem a large sum of money has been wasted—before any final scheme is decided upon I would ask that the same be submitted to a Committee so that it may be considered in all its aspects—I agreed with you, Sir, that the Community is to be congratulated on having so able a man as Mr. John Duncan to concentrate on this work—I hope that as this scheme progresses the Government will be careful not to alienate too much of its rights in connection with the Wharf and Reclamation schemes involved—public enterprise must naturally figure largely in the scheme, but where individual activity is carried on to the obvious detriment of the public the Government representing the interests of the Community at large is justified in exercising restraints. The exercise of Government interference can, however, be just as excessive as business enterprise, it is, as it were, a corrective medicine, it should be more clearly realized that the true function of Government is rather to regulate than to constrain, rather to control than to operate, rather to protect the community from abuse by individuals or groups.

Compensations and Resumptions.
Under the heading of Compensation and Resumptions—I should like to see a larger sum allocated for this purpose, and my reason for so saying is that I am afraid the Government has, in certain cases, for some years past evaded what I consider to be its duty as regards compensation by setting modifications of the Building Ordinance against claims for compensation—I can only think of two questions to consider when limiting an owner in the development of his property according to his own fancy, and they are "public health" and "public safety," and presumably the Ordinance is drawn up to safeguard the Community on these points—but when you modify the provisions of the ordinance you practically admit that those provisions are too drastic—in other words a modified ordinance would meet the case. I know it is impossible, particularly in a place like Hongkong where there are so many different types of houses to deal with, to draft an Ordinance that will cover all cases and that is why the modification clause is necessary—but I contend that the Government has no right to set a modification against a claim for compensation any more than it has to set a permit to erect a verandah over Crown Land against a similar claim—it strikes me as utterly wrong and savours of duress, moreover I feel sure that when the Ordinance was drafted such action was never contemplated. I know that the Government says "we are giving you something in exchange" you—so you are, but you are giving what is not yours by right to give—for by granting a modification you are admitting that the provisions are harsher than necessary therefore there is no reason why the property owner should not have his modification for nothing.

I cannot understand why the Government should receive ground for nothing in order to fill the

streets just because it has modified the provisions of an Ordinance which is admittedly too drastic.

To draw a simile the Government might as well pass an Ordinance insisting on every motor car carrying a dozen lights and then say we will let you run your car with only three if you pay us another \$20 on your licence.

In making these remarks I wish to make it quite clear, Sir, that I have no authority to raise this point from the other members of my profession, they may or may not support my views.

Municipal Council.
I am glad to note from your speech, Sir, that important changes have taken place in the Public Works Department in order to relieve the Director of some of his heavy work and I would like to go very much further in this direction and I make the suggestion in all seriousness that the greater part of the Public Works on the Island and Kowloon (not the New Territory) be handed over to a Municipal Council as is the case in the Straits Settlements—I know this is a big departure to propose, but I honestly believe it would be a benefit to the Colony—you, Sir, doubtless know how the Municipal Council in the Straits Settlements is constituted—it is practically a community representation headed by a President who is always a Civil Servant seconded by the Government, there are a number of elected Commissioners nominated by various sections of the Community and approved of by the Governor. As regards the existing control of Public Works matters I wish to make it quite clear that I am not finding fault with any individual or individuals but simply with the system, which with all due respect, Sir, I submit is too ponderous and moves too slowly. Under the present system there are too many different departments to consult and I believe that members of this Public Works staff will be ready to admit that this is where the delay occurs. When speaking on a resolution in 1921 to facilitate the passing of plans I suggested a Committee to relieve you Sir, and the Executive Council of a lot of tiresome work, and I think that a Municipal Council such as now suggested would afford the desired relief and greater speed would result—for it cannot be held responsible for two months to elapse between the time an appeal is made and the notification of the result. The system of Municipal and County Councils apparently works very well at home where all matters dealing with public works are settled by such Bodies—I hope, Sir, that you will not dismiss this suggestion without giving it a thought, and also that you give me credit for knowing something about the subject for I have worked in close contact with the Public Works Department for nearly thirty-three years.

Chinese Views.
HON. MR. CHOW SHOU-SON'S SPEECH.
The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son said: Sir—At the outset I desire to say that all my remarks represent not only my personal views but also those of my colleague, the Hon. Mr. Kotewall.
The honourable member representing the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has touched upon the question of the official tariff of fares for public chairs and rickshaws, and we would like to add a few words to his appeal on behalf of the poor ricksha coolies and chair coolies for an increase in the fares. The high cost of living affects this hard-worked class of people just as much as others, and it would

really be an act of justice to do something towards the betterment of their lot. We sincerely hope that the Government will give this proposal its sympathetic and early attention.

Hawkers' Licences.
We see that the item "Hawkers' Licences" under Revenue on page 6 of the Draft Estimates shows \$5,000 less than the approved Estimate for the current year, from which it may fairly be inferred that the Police intend to continue the policy of restricting and reducing the number of such licences. This matter calls for the close attention of the Government. The urban area has recently been greatly extended, and it seems that the present number of licences may safely be somewhat increased. Naturally there must be some limit to everything, but we submit that in this particular case certain amount of latitude should be allowed. One effect of too drastic restriction is to lead boys to break the law by hawking without a licence, since they must support themselves or assist their parents; and another effect, a much worse one, is to drive such boys into the streets to get into mischief soon or late. If the Captain Superintendent of Police has already set a limit, we hope that he will allow himself a certain amount of elasticity in dealing with deserving cases after that limit has been reached.

Chinese Culture.
It is gratifying to see the grant of \$1,500 to the Hok Hol Library under Miscellaneous Services on page 30. Until this Library was established some time last year, there was a single public Chinese library in this prosperous and important Colony. It is undoubtedly meeting a long-felt want, for not only does it afford the poor an opportunity of referring to books to which they would otherwise have no access, but it has also organised lectures given on the premises periodically, on Chinese classics, and history by distinguished native scholars. Though the Library is still in its infancy, it is becoming a centre of Chinese culture.

Rent Allowances.
On the same page appears the item "Rent Allowances to Asiatic Subordinate Officers," which is applicable to men of over ten years' service. When the Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1923 was before this Council the Hon. Mr. Kotewall expressed disapproval that his earlier and fuller proposal had not been adopted, and asked that the privilege might be extended to men of less seniority. The Honourable Colonial Secretary, in his reply, said that although in this matter the Government had shut the door it was not bolted and barred, and he suggested that the Chinese members might find a formula. After careful examination of the facts by Mr. Kotewall, first with Mr. Chan Shu-ki, and afterwards with myself on my return to the Colony, we three have arrived at a formula which I now submit for Your Excellency's consideration. We recommend that the privilege be extended to men with more than five but less than ten years' service, at, however, only 75 per cent. of the rate granted to their senior brother officers. In making this recommendation it is not that we do not realise the need of those with less than 5 years' service, but simply because we feel that if there is to be any preferential treatment for financial reasons, those with longer service should have the first consideration.

Police, Health, Etc.
The various increases in the Police Force, both under Personal Emoluments and Other Charges amount to a large sum, but the Chinese community consider them to be absolutely necessary. It is inevitable that, with the enormous increase in our population and the disturbed conditions in the neighbouring provinces, our Police expenditure should increase largely, but we consider it in the nature of an insurance. The feeling of the Chinese in the matter is such that even if the increase had to entail increased taxation, they would willingly and readily submit to it.

In your Budget speech Your Excellency said that one of the additional Medical Officers provided for on page 48 is for supervising Chinese hospitals and dispensaries. We desire to know whether he is to replace the English medical officers now supervising the Tung Wah and the Kwong Wah Hospitals, or he is to be in addition to them. If the latter, the Hospitals should be given an opportunity to consider the functions and powers of this officer before he enters upon his duties.

A matter of particular interest to the Chinese community is the vote for Special Examination in various cemeteries, under Special Expenditure, Sanitary Department, on page 60. We desire to express appreciation of the sympathy shown by the Head of the Sanitary Department, in having readily consented to the work of exhumation being done in co-operation with the Tung Wah Hospital, so that Chinese susceptibilities might be respected.

Nasty Water.
In connection with the item "Maintenance of City and Hill District Waterworks" under Public Works Recurrent on page 79, we would draw attention to the condition of the water in the Pokfulam Reservoir. Its odour and taste are nauseous, and they persist whether the reservoir is overflowing or low, though they vary in intensity. Sometimes the water comes out of the top in whitish spurts, and a few hours afterwards it is quite different in colour and taste from the same source. One is driven to the conclusion that the process of chlorination must be carried out haphazardly. This doctoring of the water is an emergency measure, treating the symptom rather than the cause, and it is hoped that the Water Authority will soon be able to restore the old state of affairs under which pure and palatable water could be drunk straight from the tap. In the meantime we urge that more careful and scientific mixing and more efficient supervision should be provided for, and that steps may be taken to reduce to a minimum the discomfort which has given rise to loud and general complaint.

The honourable member representing the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has already dwelt upon the subject of financing certain types of expenditure by loan. Such a policy has been advocated by the unofficial members on several occasions, and it fell to my lot to repeat the suggestion when dealing with the Estimates in this Council last year. It is gratifying to find Your Excellency presenting an unanswerable case for us this year in your speech introducing these Estimates.

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Kowloon ... 0 Tamar ... 1
R.A. ... 0 China "A" ... 5
Police ... 1 China "B" ... 0
Club ... 0 Surreys ... 3

Division II.

Club de St. Joseph's ... 3 "A" ... 0
Recreio "A" ... 3 "A" ... 0
Surreys "A" ... 3 "A" ... 0
University ... 3 Sacred Heart ... 1
China "A" ... 1 Club de Rec. ... 2
Club ... 1 Kowloon ... 2
St. Joseph's "B" ... 1 China "B" ... 1

Division I.

R.A. v. China "A"

(0) (5)

The China "A" scored an unexpected run-away victory against the Army men on the Sookumpoo ground on Saturday afternoon. The R.A. team was almost the same as that which defeated the Club last week so the S.C.A. owe their victory absolutely to their superior team work. The combination was excellent, the ball passing from toe to toe almost like clock-work, their placing was good and their men were always where they were wanted. In fact they played a generally all-round game and it would take a good team to beat them on the form they showed. If the shooting near goal had been a little more accurate a very heavy score indeed would have been registered.

The R.A. have a reputation for being a hustling side but they were not given much opportunity to hustle in this game. There were a few individually good performances but whether the reason was that the team as a whole were off colour or their morale was affected by the early goals registered by the S.C.A. it cannot be gainsaid that the team as a whole did not work together. Their play at times was very ragged and the shooting both near and away from the goal was very erratic. The forwards would get on—lot better if they swung the ball about a bit more. There was a distinct tendency to hang on too long, Redhead being particularly to blame in this respect. The two outstanding features of the game were the displays of Leung Yuk-long and Ip Kau for the S.C.A. The former seemed always to be in the thick of things and in addition to extricating his side from the one or two tight corners they got into in the course of the game he got movements on foot which led indirectly to the scoring of one or two of the goals. Ip Kau had his shooting boots on and managed to find the net four times. He is a nippy little player and a great acquisition to the S.C.A. he owed a lot to the fine centring of his wing colleague in fact both inside men did. The other goal for the S.C.A. was scored by Sun Kam-shun.

The teams were as follows:—
R.A.—Dobson, Doody, Hardy, Rachell, Reade, Vickers, Purford, Redhead, Harris, Hensmorth, Lower.
S.C.A.—Lau Hing-cheong, Lai Yuk-tat, Chan So, Leung Yuk-long, Wong Shiu-wah, Lam Yuk-ying, Pang Kam-wing, Sun Kam-shun, Ip Kau, Li Wei-tong, Chan Kwong-yiu.

Kowloon v. Tamar.

(0) (1)

The Tamar were very lucky to win from Kowloon, playing on the latter's ground. The play was certainly more in the hands of the victors, and the one only goal was a very fortunate one in itself.

The play opened with Kowloon pressing, and soon after the start they forced a corner. Clemp put in a nice shot which went over the bar. Tamar then took a little bit of the play, but Vickers getting hold of the ball made a good individual run down, but Wavish saved. Tamar then got going and Crown put in a very nice shot which however did not score. Kowloon ever on the offensive pressed hard but could not get past Wavish. Vickers then obtained the ball and passed to Nash who missed an open goal. Tamar went down the field, and McBride tried a long shot. Duncan misjudged the shot, and let it go through his legs, giving Tamar the lead which they kept to the end.

Half time: Tamar 1 Kowloon 0.

The second half was much like the first. Kowloon doing the pressing with the Tamar playing on the defensive trying to keep them out, and making a rally now and again towards their opponents.

The game was a dull, interesting one to watch and one or two of the players were particularly good. Freestone played well with his head in the two halves of the word and besides being largely responsible for the Tamar's goal, he was one of the few who kept it up. He was well supported by Mumby and Muffett, the latter of whom scored their two goals. Light and Piner, the backs, also played a sound game.

McGreavy was the outstanding figure amongst the Surreys. Apart from him they were a fairly mediocre lot who by means of persistent hard work eventually got what they deserved. The forward line was not all that could be desired, Ridger and others being far too selfish. Their goals were scored by Robinson (from a penalty), Norris and Ridger.

The teams were as follows:—
Drums:—F. Bayard, H. Parker, J. Cooper, H. Mumby, H. Freestone, J. Aylward, W. Burridge, W. Bowles, L. Muffett, J. Hutchings, G. Garter.
Surreys:—"A"—Hills, Light, Piner, Dumbrell, McGreavy, Lemar, Ruan, Ridger, Robinson, Norris, Peskett.

University v. Sacred Heart.

(3) (1)

On the Navy "A" ground, the University met and defeated the Sacred Heart by three goals to one. B. J. Au and T. W. Cheong scored each for the University and Mau scored for the Sacred Heart.

The teams were:—
Sacred Heart:—B. Hyder, G. Lai, W. Wayne, Channing, N. Johnston, D. Mohamed, N. B. Mohamed, Castello, U. Ismail, A. R. Dallah, A. K. Minu.

University:—T. K. Lau, G. Scully, S. A. M. Sopher, Gutierrez, Guza, B. C. Lee, S. P. Loh, B. J. Au, T. W. Cheong, J. W. Barnes, K. H. Teng. Referee—Mr. Ford.

China "B" v. St. Joseph's "B"

(1) (1)

There was a drawn game on the St. Joseph's ground, the China "B" and the St. Joseph's "B", each side scoring one goal. Cho Kwai-sing scored for the China "B" team and D. J. Pau for the St. Joseph's. All the scoring was done before half-time.

China "A" v. Club de Recreo "B".
(1) (2)

On the Chinese ground the match between the South China "A" and the Club de Recreo "B" resulted in favour of the latter by two goals to one.

Club v. Kowloon.
(1) (2)

On the Club ground the match between the Kowloon F.C. team and the Hongkong F.C. team resulted in favour of the former by two goals to one.

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CHARGE OF ASSAULT. PORTUGUESE AND BUS CONDUCTOR.

ALLEGED STRANGE CONDUCT.

Mr. J. M. Xavier, who was complainant in a recent pocket picking case, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of assaulting a bus conductor.

The complainant stated that the defendant boarded the bus at Bulkeley Street, about 8 p.m., on Saturday last and when nearing the Hung Hom bridge he was suddenly struck in the face. The bus was stopped and witness blew a police whistle. A constable arrived and took the defendant into custody.

Mr. G. H. White, of the Kowloon Dock, giving evidence, stated that he was a passenger in the same bus and noticed some misbehaviour on the part of defendant and another friend of his, one Ricci. Both appeared to be drunk. Witness was obliged to check the defendants for the bad language used in the presence of several ladies travelling on the bus, whereupon the defendant seized witness by the shoulder, but he freed himself. A police whistle was then blown by the conductor and the defendant removed by a constable.

Inspector Ogg said that he was in the charge-room when the defendant and his friend were brought in. Both appeared to be under the influence of liquor. Defendant when asked to make a statement refused to say anything, and when asked to sign the bail book insisted on having a receipt.

The Magistrate, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, said that he put the Inspector in the box purposely to see if defendant had any grievance against the police, as he appeared to have an extraordinary idea of the police and their methods. He (the Magistrate) considered that the Inspector would have been justified having the defendant locked up.

No charge of assault being proved, the defendant was discharged, the other man receiving a warning from the bench.

PEAK TRAM.

NEW MACHINERY UNDER ORDER.

The rumours with regard to a possible stoppage on the Peak Tramway service are not without foundation, the "China Mail" understands, although they are rather premature.

The position is that tenders for new machinery connected with the winding gear have been invited from firms in England and are under consideration. It will be some time, of course, before the machinery arrives to the Colony, but everything will be prepared in order that it may be placed in position at the earliest possible moment.

There is a possibility of a day or two's discontinuance of the service.

ROXOR

RESCUED AT LAST. CAPTIVE IN PIRATE DEN. EXCITING ADVENTURE.

HONGKONG POLICE AND CHINA'S SOLDIERS CO-OPERATE.

Thanks to the enterprise of the Hongkong Police and the co-operation of some Chinese soldiers, a Canton student has been rescued from a pirate den just outside British territory. Thus a rumour during the summer that people had been carried away from the Castle Peak motor road, has been cleared up and a pirate stronghold has been razed to the ground.

Raid Organized.
On Saturday, Detective Inspector W. Vincent, Detective Inspector G. H. Fleming, twelve Chinese soldiers from the Criminal Intelligence Department and ten Chinese soldiers under the command of Commander Wong Shun, proceeded into Water Police launch to a place opposite Tai O in the New Territories.

Information had been obtained that in a pirate den named Lap Shap, also known as Wong Kam Hill, would be found clues which would clear up a recent Hongkong mystery.

On a hill stands a hutlet, by name of Chu Wai Tuen, a temple dedicated to the "Heavenly Goddess" (like the one of similar name at Causeway Bay) and a grocer's shop, all notorious as a pirate rendezvous.

Immediately on landing, the party made a detour for the temple where the warden was taken prisoner. He consented to act as guide and conducted the raiders to the grocer's shop where the master and a few were taken into custody and interrogated.

Then a dash was made for a big cave behind the temple. Here three alleged bandit guards were overcome and inside the cave was found a missing schoolboy.

He is Wang Tze-keung (18) of Pui Yee College, Canton. His father is secretary of an investment company in Canton and partner in a firm of merchants at Wing Kat Street, Canton. During the summer holidays he came down to Hongkong and was persuaded to go on a joy-ride to visit the nursery half-way up Castle Peak.

Four youths set out and they stopped near a roadside tenement at Tsun Mun to get a drink. Two men came up and offered to sell them some goods, a Chinese fish delicacy. They accompanied the men into a small rowing boat and were rowed out.

Revolvers Drawn.
After going a little distance the men's intentions became apparent as they each drew a revolver. No help could be forthcoming and the boys were taken away to Chinese territory.

Ransom Demanded.
Subsequently the father received a letter demanding \$50,000 as ransom for his son's release. Negotiations were in progress when the Hongkong Police intervened.

The boy also said that a school-mate of his named Chan Tze-kwai was in captivity with him, but was made to flee with some of the pirates who escaped on the approach of the raiding party. Wong is in very poor health as the result of privations endured in captivity. To the layman, he showed signs of beriberi. On arrival back in Hongkong he was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

After taking prisoner the three pirate guards, the soldiers set fire to the outlaws' houses and destroyed the stronghold.

At the time of the boys' disappearance from the Colony, a rumour was current that such a thing had happened but was disbelieved. Later on it was mentioned that the boys had been decaying by friends to Castle Peak and there "spirited away." No news was available at the same time.

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MONEY STOLEN.
P.W.D. AND NAVAL MEN.
SUFFER.

Mr. Beach of the P.W.D. has reported to the police the loss of a sum of \$350.00. The money was stolen from his room at 6, Ley's Lodge, Nathan Road, last Saturday night.

Another loss was that in which Surgeon-Lieut. Rutherford of H.M.S. "Bluebell," noticed that he had been relieved of jewellery and money amounting to a total of \$105.00. The theft was committed from a drawer in his cabin some time between last month and yesterday, when the discovery was made.

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When a cough or cold or any other ailment troubles you, try the "China Mail" brand of cough lozenges. They are made from the finest ingredients and are guaranteed to give you relief.

BUDGET DEBATE.

(Continued from page 6.)

Note of Warning.

Finally, Mr. Kotewall and I should like to join in sincere congratulations on their excellent financial position of the Colony, and particularly on the very able manner in which Your Excellency has presented the Estimates now before us. But we wish to sound a note of warning as we did last year, against embarking upon expenditure which is not absolutely necessary. I think I cannot do better than to quote my own words. "At the present moment we happen to have a large surplus, but we should not forget that it has been largely built up by the revenue derived from two items—Opium and Land Sales, which cannot for ever continue to yield their present quota of income. For the Chinese soldiers under the command of Commander Wong Shun, proceeded into Water Police launch to a place opposite Tai O in the New Territories."

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The Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock also spoke but his speech was too late to reach this edition.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Joseph Lee Parren, Standard Oil Company, to Miss Dorothy Alma Grant, en route to the Colony by the s.s. "Hector."

Passengers arriving here by the s.s. "Eastern" from Australian ports via Manila on Saturday included Miss A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Archbutt, Archbishop and Mrs. J. Barnett.

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant J. A. Parkes, Royal Artillery, Kowloon, and Vera, younger daughter of Captain W. J. Thompson, R. A. S. C. and Mrs. Thompson, of Torres Buildings, Kowloon.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK CHARLES HALL, having returned to the Colony, resumes charge of our Insurance Department from date.
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CONVITE.

A Comissao encarregada da Recuperação em honra da Sua Exa. Revma. o Sr. Patriarca das Indias, por ocasião da sua passagem por esta cidade, tem o prazer de convidar a Comunidade Portuguesa de Hongkong para a dita Recuperação que se realizará no Club Lusitano, na terça-feira, 4 de Novembro, as 6 horas da tarde.

O Presidente.
E. H. D'AMARAL

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF JOHN HENRY WILLIAM ARMS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 38 of the Probate Ordinance 1897 (No. 2 of 1897) made an Order (Larkin) the above named person to be the executor of the will of the above named person.

Dated the 1st day of November 1924.

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1, Des Voeux Road Central Hongkong.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programme and Entry
Forms for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 23rd November, 1924, (weather-permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Cammerway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, 15th November, 1924.

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CRICKET TRIAL.

"POSSIBLES" DO WELL IN INTERPORT TRIAL.

OTHER GOOD GAMES.

On the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on Saturday, the glorious uncertainty of the game was once again demonstrated when the Possibles inflicted a moral defeat on the Probables in an interport trial.

While granting that both Hancock and Pearce retired, neither of them appeared at all comfortable when facing Reed and Jacob. Though neither of the latter took a wicket, they were not expensive considering the opposition against them.

After the Possibles had lost 8 wickets for 108, Holdman and Young added 25 before the former was caught off Evans, Omar and Young then carried the score from 133 to 193 when the latter was bowled by Hargreaves for 54, including eleven fours. Though by no means a polished display, the innings included some shots along the ground between mid-off and extra cover worthy of any batsman in the world. Young's style may be unorthodox at times, but his display yesterday was of the style that wins matches. Omar's exhibition was also meritorious and included four fours and two sixes.

The Possibles (13 men) scored 201 for the loss of 10 wickets. Thanks to Hancock, Pearce and Quick, the Probables made 75 for the loss of three wickets. The next 5 fell for the addition of 3 runs. Hargreaves and Stripp saved the situation, the score being 95 for 8 wickets when stumps were drawn. Scores:—

Possibles—1st Innings.			
E. F. Stewart, c Quick, b Hargreaves	22		
A. W. Ramsay, b Hargreaves	8		
Col. Matthews, c Hargreaves	9		
b Evans	9		
Capt. Kent, b Powell	17		
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Stripp, b Quick	21		
T. D. E. Pendered, c Webster, b Powell	17		
A. E. Wood, c Evans, b Quick	0		
E. B. Reed, c and b Powell	0		
F. N. Young, b Hargreaves	54		
F. H. Holdman, c Balhatchet, b Evans	6		
U. M. Omar, not out	35		
E. W. Hamilton, not out	0		
Q.M.S. Jacob, did not bat	0		
Extras	14		
Total (for 10 wks.)	201		

Probables—1st Innings.			
R. Hancock, retired	19		
T. E. Pearce, retired	40		
H. N. Balhatchet, run out	4		
Rev. E. K. Quick, l.b.w. Hamilton	13		
G. R. More, b Pendered	0		
R. E. A. Webster, c Reed, b Pendered	0		
Pay-Lt. Com. Hargreaves, not out	14		
A. C. I. Bowker, c Holdman, b Hamilton	0		
B. D. Evans, c Young, b Hamilton	1		
C. Q. M. S. Stripp, not out	3		
Rev. T. B. Powell, did not bat	0		
Extras	1		
Total (for 8 wks.)	95		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Evans	11	0	48
Hargreaves	10	1	41
Powell	13	2	34
Webster	6	3	11
Quick	4	0	17
Balhatchet	5	1	16
Bowker	2	0	20

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O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	8	1	26
Jacob	5	0	29
Young	3	0	19
Pendered	3	1	3
Hamilton	5	1	16
Omar	2	1	1

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J. C. Fletcher, c Henslowe, b Hall	16		
H. Overy, not out	0		
Extras	11		
Total	79		

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Henslowe	12	4	34
Smith	9	3	22
Jackson	8	0	12
Hall	8	0	0

Tizley	14	5	9	18	8
Leach	14	5	24	2	2
Willis	3	0	10	0	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Mid. Simms, b Macalpine.....	3
Mid. Leech, b Howell	3
Mid. Bryan, not out	1
Mid. Shore, c Macalpine, b	1
Howell	
Extras	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

0	Lieut. Farrant, Lieut. Ha
P.O. Tizley, Lieut. Alexan	
3	Lg. Gr. Willis, Mid. Smythe,
not bat.	
6	BOWLING ANALYSIS.
0	O. M. R.
1	Howell 7 1 28
0	Hepburn 5 0 16

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Wadeson	6	1	22
Macalpine	5	0	20

NAVY v. UNIVERSITY

The University 1st XI. were
beaten by the Navy 1st XI.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

8	owing to the Interport.
0	claiming the services of Bal-
0	chet and Quick (University).
2	Hargreaves (Navy).
	The Navy batted first and
	160, Barret (28), Stevens

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

The home side had made runs for the loss of six wickets when "Father Time" beat them and the match was left drawn.

The feature of the play was the innings of T. E. Yeoh.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

city and was undefeated at
end of the day with 75 to
credit. The fielding of both te
was of a high order. Scores:
Navy—1st Innings.
Paymaster Lieut. Hussey,

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Teong, b Peterson	
Lieut. Nicholson, c Yeow,	
Het!	
Lieut. Gush, b Helt	
Commander Barret, c &	
Peterson	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

2	Paym. Com. Osborne, b Yeo
23	Marine Wilkins, st. Yew.
	Osman
5	Lient. Besant, c Ng, b Usman
21	J. C. Lyul, c Ng, b Youngs
	Eng. Com. Honnel, not out

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

		Total		
		BOWLING ANALYSIS.		
		O.	M.	R.
1	T. E. Yeoh	7	0	35
6	Shahabudin	8	0	34
17	Hett	3	0	2

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

6	Peterson	2	0	1
1	Osman	2	0	1
2	Youngsaye	0.3	0	
0	University—1st Innings			
0	T. E. Yeoh, not out			
1	B. P. Ng, b Stevenson			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

8	A. E. Hett, c	Hoppel, b	Stave
0	son		
11	S. O. Shahabudin, b	Esant	
0	J. L. Youngsaye, run out		
1	O. A. Peterson, not out		
	Extras		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

21	M. B. Osman, S. Hach			
19	H. Y. Liang did not bat.			
4				
	BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
		O.	M.	R.
23	Hoppe	7	1	2
4				
10	Total	12	1	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

09	Efant	6	0	2
	Osborne	3	0	
W.	CHINESE R. C. v. SURR			
2				
4				

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Howell	7	1	28	2
Hepburn	5	0	16	0
Stevenson	1	0	1	0
Wadeson	8	1	22	1
Macalpine	5	0	20	1

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

red	Ng Sze-kwong, c Wright
(11)	Worsfold
ach	Wong Po-keung, b Clarke ..
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x 8	C. E. Wong, l b w. Clarke ..
	K. L. Chau, b Worsfold

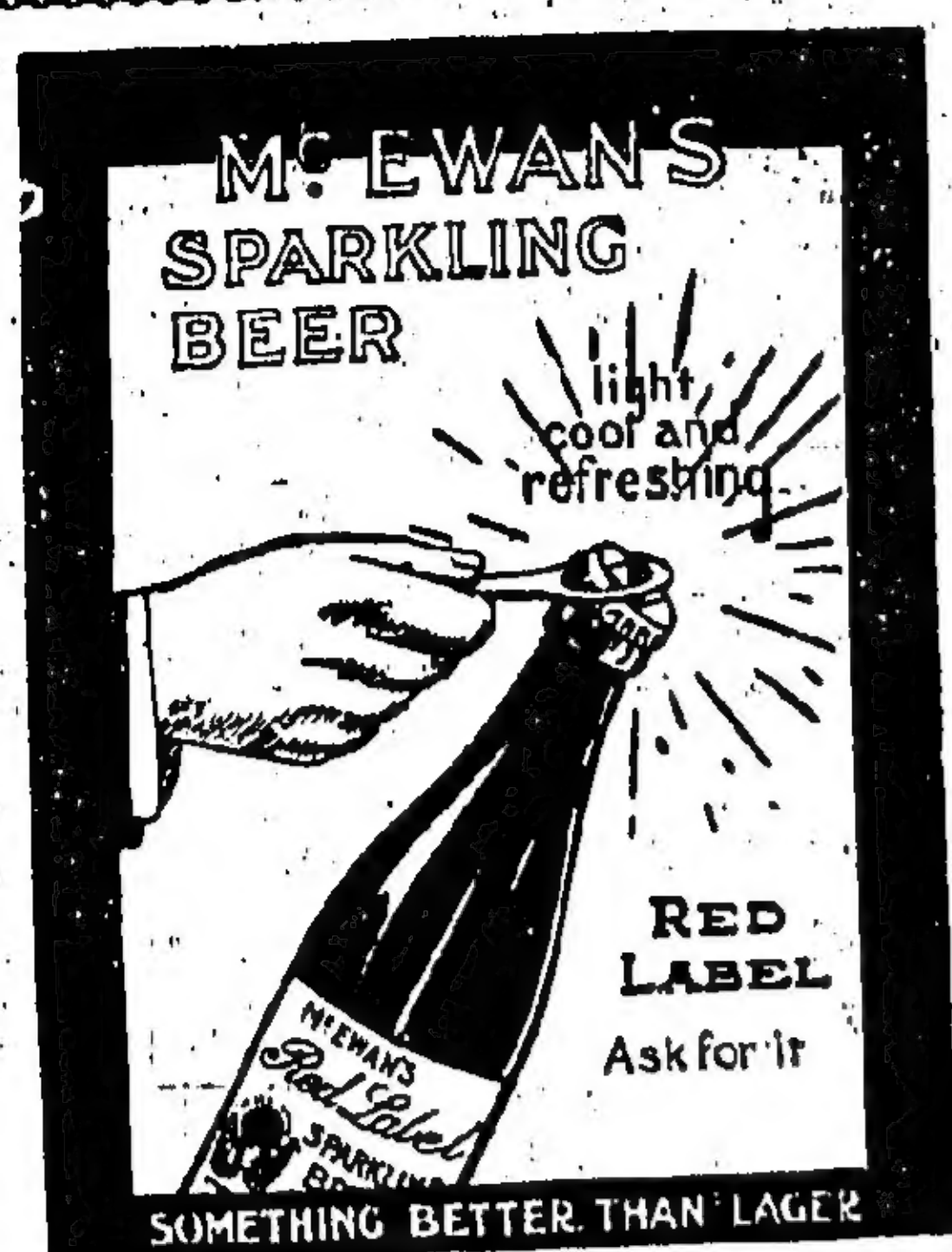
BOWLING ANALYSIS.

on-	Extras.....
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	Total.....
8	Bowling Analysis.
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Worsford	12	2
0 Clark	5	0
Bissett	2	0
17 Chidson	3	0
East Surrey.		
1 Chidson, b. W. Hung		
1 Rev. Holliday		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.



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④ REMOVING WOUNDED ⑤ CHEKIANG SOLDIER ⑥ BRITISH MARINE ⑦ CHEKIANG GUN DUGOUT

These pictures of the recent fighting for the possession of Shanghai were snapped by a staff correspondent of the International News Service. Chinese soldiers carry their umbrellas into action, and in Figure No. 1, a Chekiang Province gunner defending the city may be seen seeking shelter under his in a trench on the Huangpu front. The Red Cross operating table on the same front was made from two Red Cross kit boxes and a door panel. The Chekiang artilleryman, under heavy fire, finds a safe berth under his gun. Despite the intensity of the fire, his ten kittle at the right was going merrily. The wounded are removed in richness by conscripted coolies, who also take up ammunition and food. The photograph of the Chekiang private was taken under rifle and machine gun fire, but he didn't seem to mind. British marines landed and encamped in Jessfield Park, outside the foreign settlement in Shanghai, to protect foreigners. This modern Chekiang gun, surrounded by empty cartridge cases, was fired many times at Huangpu. The Chinese guns are of German, French and Japanese manufacture.

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**HUNCHBACK REILLY
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Franklin James Roshek, son of a wealthy family, has mysteriously disappeared from his home, and it is thought he has been kidnapped. The boy had met "Hunchback" Reilly, a sailor in a park and may have been lured to run away from home by his romantic tales of the sea. Reilly was arrested, but was released.

MEN & WOMEN IN NEWS OF THE DAY.



Colonel Jay Morrow has resigned after six years as Governor of the Panama Canal Zone. Evelyn Nesbit, divorced wife of Harry Thaw, has gained the court's consent to reopen the uncontested divorce suit by which Jack Clifford, dancer, divorced her. She alleges she was too ill to defend the suit last June and in a counter-suit names Ann Luther, New York actress, as co-respondent. King Hussein, of the Hedjaz, who has been defending Mecca, the Holy City, against the Wahabi tribesmen, is reported to have abdicated.

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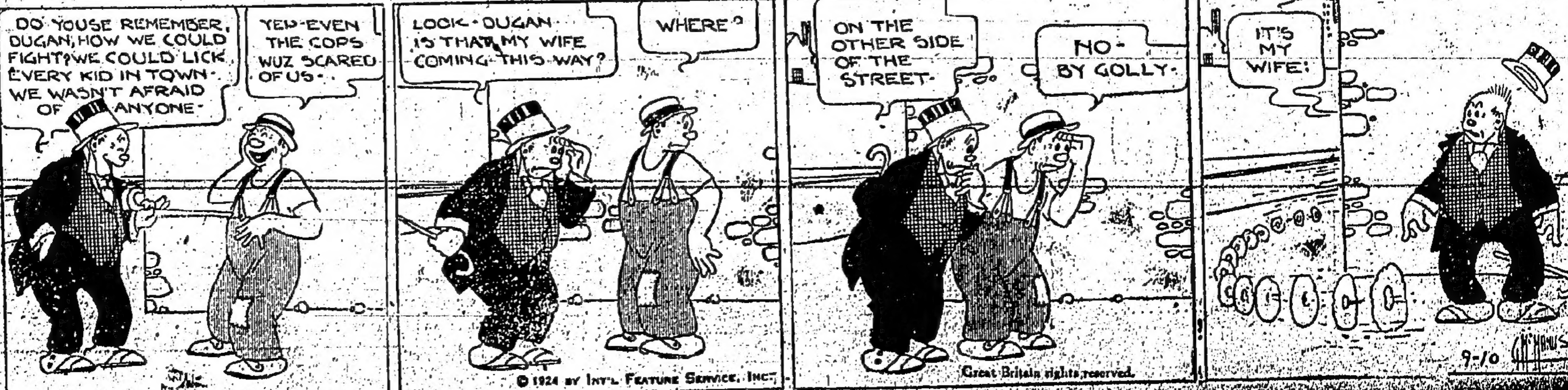
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BILLIARD FINAL.

ORGANISER GOING HOME.

At the final of the open Military Billiards Tournament held at the Soldiers' Club on Friday night Col. Butterworth, in presenting the prizes, referred with regret to the impending loss of the Garrison Recreation Club was sustaining. Sergt. F. Bailey who had carried out his arduous duties ably and ungrudgingly was shortly leaving for the United Kingdom and it would be hard to fill his place. In Q. M. S. Steele, however, who was succeeding him, they had one who was going to do his best (applause).

The final which was played off in the course of the evening was between Sergt. Maj. Goddard R. E. and Sergt. Pedder R.A., the former winning by 42 points.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs Moxon and Taylor report as follows:—

We have again had an active market during the week, under review in spite of the October Settlement which was one of the biggest on record, and the undertone is firm.

The Shanghai market continues firm.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Hongkong Banks:—Have come to business at \$1.165 to \$1.170 and close with buyers at the former price.

Unions:—Have had a rise and are wanted at \$247 but no sellers.

Hotels:—Have more enquiries and have come to business at \$2134 for Old and \$26 for New shares, business having been put through at \$234 for Old for December.

Hongkong Lands:—Continue firm with buyers at \$117, shares changed hands at \$117½ cash and \$121 for December.

Humphreys:—Are in good demand at \$22½, but there are no sellers.

Cements:—After coming to business at \$22½ to \$23½ cash, close with buyers at \$22½.

Kowloon harvest:—Have had a rise and are in great demand at \$214 cash, shares having changed hands at \$217 to \$218 for December.

Hongkong Docks:—Are wanted at \$159 cash and \$164 for December without inducing sellers.

Shanghai Docks:—Are firm at \$195.

Ropes:—Have been neglected. Hongkong Electric:—Have come to business at \$43½ to \$44 and close with buyers at \$43½.

Hongkong Trams:—A fair amount of business was put through in these shares at \$47 cash, \$48 November and \$48½ December, buyers paying higher rates for forward deliveries.

Peak Trams:—Have had a further rise and close with firm buyers at \$24 for Old and \$9 for New shares.

China Sugars:—Have sellers at \$100 for New shares.

China Providents:—Old shares have come to business at \$18½ November \$18½ December, and close with cash buyers at \$18½.

The New shares have come to business at \$6¼ to \$6½, and close with firm buyers at the latter price.

China Lights:—Have come to business at \$28½ cash but eased off towards the close with sellers at \$28.

Dairy Farms:—Remain unchanged.

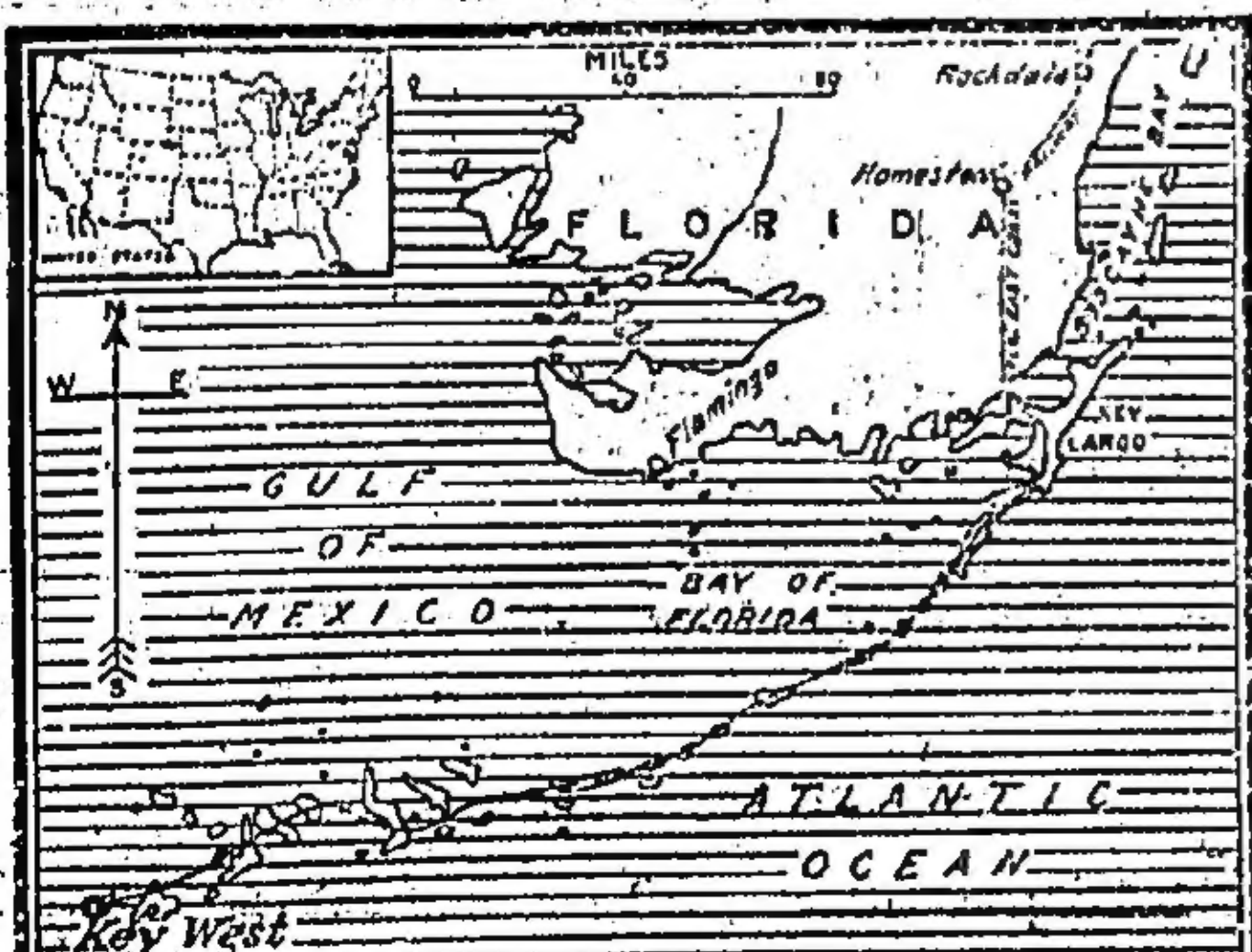
Lane Crawfords:—Have strong buyers at \$10 and more would be paid for any shares offering.

Steamboats:—Have again had a

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HIGHWAY TO KEY WEST—Contracts have been signed and there is likely to be an early beginning of work on the long-planned highway from the mainland of Florida to Key West. The distance is approximately 150 miles. Construction will start from both ends.

HOCKEY MATCH.

CLUB BEAT GRENADIERS.

This game was played on the Marina ground, Kowloon, on Friday evening, and ended in a victory for the Club by three goals to two.

The Club game against the Grenadiers on Wednesday was an additional fixture arranged between the Club "A" Team and a Company side from the Grenadiers, but the game on Friday was a First Eleven fixture, and while the Grenadiers were without the assistance of Captain Dods the Club side did not include More and Owen Hughes.

Playing on the U.S.R.C. ground a fortnight ago the Grenadiers beat the Club by five goals to one, and the Club was naturally anxious to avenge the defeat, not the less so because a victory on Friday would have to be obtained on the Marina ground, the surface of which admittedly gives full scope to the extremely fast play of the Grenadiers.

There is a return match with these opponents on the U.S.R.C. ground next Friday, after which the Grenadiers do not meet the Club in First Eleven games until the last Wednesday in December.

With Captains Hayes Newington and Dods playing the side are particularly hard to beat, and it is only to be expected that the game next week will be hard fought from start to finish, with the Grenadiers, whatever the position of the score, making the last ten minutes of the game hotter than ever for the Club defence.

In the game on Friday Mills was required to save during the first few minutes, but very soon afterwards Armstrong opened the scoring with a nicely judged goal. The run of the game was very even for some time, forwards on both sides pressing hard, until Woodward scored the Club's second goal just before half time.

In the second half the Grenadiers were the first to score, but Price followed with a third goal for the Club shortly afterwards. The Grenadiers looked like scoring from several corners which resulted from the pressure their forwards were exerting on the Club defence, who managed, with very useful assistance from further up the field, to keep the more dangerous of the opposition forwards under control. The second goal against the Club resulted, however, from a shot by the Grenadiers centre forward, and though the victory seemed likely to be converted into a draw at any moment the final score left the Club with a margin which just represented the run of the game as a whole.

The Grenadiers goalkeeper withstood considerable bombardment from both wings and saved well throughout. Armstrong and Macmaster, for the Club, were good on the right wing. The latter appears to have overcome a tendency to raise his stick above the shoulder in centring and his speed in dribbling is a useful asset. Martin, Mitchell and Lock kept their forwards well supplied and put in a great deal of sound defence work as well. Piery and Hughes were hard worked for a large part of the game and tackled and cleared well. Mills seemed likely to be called upon more often than he actually was, having a few moments which must have been quite exciting and entertaining the onlookers on one occasion with a half-volley clearance kick somewhat reminiscent of golf.

slight decline, buyers offering \$36½ for cash.

Waterboats:—Are wanted at \$17 without inducing sellers.

Constructions:—Have strong buyers at \$7¼ and more would be paid for any shares offering.

London Quotations of 30th inst:—Hongkong Banks \$136, Indos Deferred \$14 15/16, Shells \$4 2/6. All middle prices.

Exchange:—The demand selling rate on London is 2/4 15/16 and the T.T. on Shanghai is 1/2 7/16.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, 25th November, 1924.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, November 3, 1924.

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COLLAPSE IN THEATRE

MR. BITTING SUSTAINS NASTY FALL.

An unfortunate accident befel Mr. S. T. Bitting, of the International Banking Corporation, at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night.

In the interval between the third and last acts Mr. Bitting was walking from the Dress Circle to the verandah and as he got to the doorway he appeared to become faint. No one was near enough at the time to catch him and Mr. Bitting fell to the flag-stones, striking his head with considerable force.

Mr. Bitting's collar was loosened and everything possible done to revive him, but he had only partially recovered when the ambulance arrived and conveyed him to the Government Civil Hospital. He was medically attended by Dr. Wan who was in the audience and afterwards by Dr. Morrison.

H.M.S. "PEGASUS"

SEAPLANE CARRIER IN PORT.

The aircraft carrier "Pegasus" temporarily attached to the China station, arrived here from Singapore this morning. The ship has come to be refitted and whilst it is here the aeroplanes will carry out an aerial survey of Hongkong. It is likely to be here over Christmas.

A "China Mail" reporter, who made the journey across the harbour to where the ship is lying off Kowloon, was told that on information about the ship or the nature of the survey which was to take place could be given in the absence of the captain.

The ship is of a most peculiar build. Aboard the funnel is a hangar from which protrude the tails of three seaplanes. There appeared to be no deck space for taking off, so it is to be presumed that the planes are lowered into the water and gain the necessary momentum by taxiing.

SHIPPING DUES

REDUCTION NOT THOUGHT PROBABLE.

The "China Mail" understands that owing to the uncertainty as to the opium revenue in view of the desired decrease in consumption, there is not likely to be any decrease in the shipping dues even though the Government will not (if the Chinese Government carried out its promise) be called upon to make any expenditure at Pratas Reef.

The reference is to the wireless and meteorological station which the Hongkong Government proposed to erect there, but an undertaking for the provision of which the "China Mail" was able to state a fortnight ago has been entered into by the Chinese Government who will also maintain the station.

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SUSPECTED STOWAWAY

ADVENTURES OF KOREAN.

A Korean appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with being a stowaway on board the "President Madison." Inspector Angus said that the defendant was discovered a day after the vessel left Shanghai, and that in his opinion the man had actually paid the fare but to a wrong person.

The company being prepared to take the defendant back to Shanghai, the Magistrate ordered the man to be confined in the House of Detention until the next sailing, a week hence.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

De Valera has been sentenced to imprisonment for a month in the second division at Belfast for entering North Ireland in contravention of a Government order.

Among passengers departing for the North per a.s. "Karnala" on Saturday were the Revd. Father Robert, Revd. and Mrs. R. Heywood, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Allison, Mr. B. L. Seton-Winton, Mr. R. Chisholm, Mrs. C. Champkin, and Mr. L. Yates.

The death is announced at the age of 43 of Mrs. Chen Kuo-chuan, of Nanking, a descendant of one of the most distinguished families in China. Her grandfather was Teng Ting-cheng, Viceroy of Liangkuan at Canton during the Opium War, whose death took place six years later. In 1846, one of her uncles was a former Viceroy of Yunnan and Kweichow. Her sister was married to the brother of Viceroy Tuan Fang, of Chihli. Mrs. Chen was a scholar of the old classical school and a famous wielder of the brush. Several of her books, including a biography of her grandfather, have become well-known. Mrs. Chen, whose death will be deeply regretted by her Chinese, and numerous foreign friends both at home and in China, leaves three sons, the oldest of whom is in Government service, and three daughters.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

A telegram from Niles, Ohio, states that four persons were killed and 12 sent to hospital as the result of an affray between members of the Ku Klux Klan and other citizens. A company of infantry have been ordered to proceed to Niles from Youngstown, also a machine-gun company.

A collision occurred yesterday, at the junction of Stubbs Road and Gough Hill Road, between a motor truck and a motor car owned by Mr. F. C. Hall, of 303, the Peak. The car got the worse of the argument.

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MR. A. COMMONS.

SUCCESSFUL RIDING FEAT AT PEKING.

Mr. A. Commons, the noted Tientsin rider, had a most successful meeting at Peking races on October 20, 21, 22.

On the first day, he won the first five races, the 7th, and the 8th out of nine on the card.

On the second day he got six firsts (one a dead heat) and a second out of nine events.

On the final day he was first four times, second once and third once out of nine races.

In addition to The King, Mr. Commons, steered, Manhasset, September, Rolls Royce, Red Tape, Meteor, John Smith to victory on the first day.

On the second day, he won on September, Meteor, The King, Red Tape, Manhasset and Rolls Royce (d-h with Melody) and was second on John Smith.

On the third day, he won on Rolls Royce, September, Red Tape, and Manhasset; was third on Cyric and second in the Champions on Meteor.

A performance that will take some beating!

He won the Flyway Cup (half a mile) on The King in 58 3/5 seconds (last quarter 28 4/5) and the Lien Hwah Chih Stakes (5 furlongs on the same pony in 1.17 1/5 (last quarter 32). The weights were 161 lbs. and 166 lbs. respectively.

The King, it will be remembered, failed "to pass the standard" here when owned by Mr. B. D. Beith, otherwise Prince Regent would have had something to extend him in the sprint races.

At the Tientsin Spring meeting, 1921, The King carried Mr. Commons to victory in the 4-furlong race in 56 2/5.

The Peking record is 57 4/5, set up by Altai in Autumn 1913.

The Hongkong record is still held by Ah Mee 58 2/5.

The best time at Kiangwan is 57 1/5.

At Shanghai 55 3/5 has been recorded.

GRAND OPERA.

"RIGOLETTO."

It was good that Verdi's ever popular "Rigoletto" should have been chosen for performance on Saturday night when it is most convenient for the majority of people to attend. There was a very large audience which showed its appreciation in no uncertain manner, particularly in the quartet in which the Prince, bandit's daughter, Rigoletto and his daughter take part.

Perhaps the dramatic characterisation was not so pronouncedly good as it has been in other operas (Scamuzzi was certainly far from convincing in that last and greatest scene in which as the old jester he has to tear aside the wrappings of the corpse which is about to be confined to the river and finds that it is that of his daughter). Little could be found fault with the artists' singing, however.

Miss Enna Surinachi was well suited to the part of Gilda (Rigoletto's daughter) and although it is very necessary that the delightful voice of Miss Pina Minotti, who has taken a number of principal parts, should not be overtaxed the audience would have liked to hear more of her than they were able to in the part of Madalena, the bandit's daughter. The principal tenor, other than that of Rigoletto in which Scamuzzi was given full scope for the employment of his magnificent voice, were well taken by Sig. Ennema Giletti, (the Prince of Mantua) and Sig. Milorini (Sparafucile, the bravo).

There was a good attendance at the audience's performance of "Rigoletto" on Sunday. At the 11.30 performance a fair crowd of the evening when "Il Trovatore" was presented.

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